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ACADIANA AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION, INC..

December 2015

Celebration

Another year in the books of history with this one flying by. The AARA has accomplished a great many things in 2015. A successful Hamfest, a fun yet rained-out Field Day, an AARA member named Louisiana Ham of the Year, a nice Special Event, SkyWarn classes, our yearly support of the Cajun Cup, and two repeaters added to the club inventory. The club has also undergone some changes in 2015. A new AARA logo, a new AARA QSL card, a leaner inventory, an enhanced antenna trailer, a club station at the Red Cross, and several new AARA members since the beginning of the year. We have also seen increased participation by AARA members, not only in club activities, but in amateur radio roles throughout the Acadiana area. Thanks to you the AARA is on a great path into the future.

December brings the cooler temperatures and the official end of Hurricane season. We made it through another without any severe issues, and many of us were prepared in the case that there were. The yard work is not as tasking and there is less daylight to get it done anyway. But most importantly, the Holiday Season is upon us, with Thanksgiving just passed and Christmas on the way.

The Christmas season, a most special one, is filled with all kinds of traditions. Holiday shopping, house decorations, Christmas carols, kids on their best behavior (mostly), reindeer, sleds, ice skating, tree trimming, mistletoe, the AARA Christmas Banquet, trips to see family that you only see on holidays, and that magical morning when the gifts are all under the tree that Santa Claus left the night before. You tear open the gift-wrap, open the box and see that necktie or bundle of socks you always wanted (yeah, right!). Or, someone has been REAL GOOD ALL YEAR, and gets that latest HF Rig that they have been looking at for months, spending the rest of the day setting it up and trying to make that Christmas Day contact on the new rig. All fun stuff.

As we enjoy Christmas with all of its traditions, let us remember the very reason for the season. Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men. In all of history, the day that brings War to a halt, if only for that day. It is a Holiday of giving.....not a gift from us, but a gift for us. No box or wrapping paper, this gift will not bend nor break, will not rust or crumble, will not burn to ash or sink in the sea, and will always be with you. It does not require assembly, but does come with instructions. So, as I direct you to JOHN 3:16, let me wish everyone Happy Holidays and a very Merry Christmas.

Mark
W5GTI
AARA President



National Parks on the Air

Throughout 2016, Amateur Radio will be helping the National Park Service celebrate their 100th anniversary. Hams from across the country will activate NPS units, promote the National Park Service and showcase Amateur Radio to the public.

This looks like another year long event. Should be fun!

See the website for rules and information at:

<http://www.arrl.org/npota>

NEW LOCAL UHF NET

Friday on the 443

I would like to invite everyone to join me, W5GTI, for "Friday on the 443", Friday nights at 7 PM.

Rig setup is 443.000 MHz, +5 MHz offset, and a PL Tone of 103.5.

The net is for amateur radio conversation and to steer activity toward the AARA's new UHF repeater. See you there.

Mark
W5GTI

AARA Christmas Banquet Meeting

Thursday, December 3, 2015 6:00 PM @ Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery. This will be a "Dutch Treat" affair for members, family and friends.

No VE Testing in December

DATES TO REMEMBER

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Thursday, December 3, 6:00 pm
Golden Corral

AREA HAMFESTS**Minden Christmas Hamfest**

December 19, 2015

35th Annual Hammond Hamfest

January 16, 2016

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Youth Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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Minden Christmas Hamfest

Saturday
December 19, 2015

Location: Minden, LA, City Hall located on 520 Broadway St, Minden, LA.

Time:

8:00 am doors open.

Main Prize drawing held approximately 2:00 pm.

Door prizes being drawn periodically during the day.

A HT given away each hour of the hamfest!

Talk-in: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System).

Admission: Entrance tickets are \$5 each (includes 1 prize ticket), available at door at the hamfest.

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

VE Testing: Registration 8:30 am-10:30 am.

Main Prizes

1st Prize: Kenwood TS-480SAT HF Transceiver.

2nd Prize: (MUST be present to win.) Yaesu FT-7900R VHF/UHF Transceiver.

3rd Prize: (MUST be present to win.) Portable 2 cycle gas engine generator.

4th Prize: (MUST be present to win.) Yaesu FT-2900R VHF Transceiver.

Vendors

Main Trading Company

(Furnishing our prize radios)

Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The Sign Man of Baton Rouge

Grapevine Amateur Radio

Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org>



35th Annual Hammond Hamfest

Saturday
January 16, 2016

Location: MAGNUSON HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTER
2000 SOUTH MORRISON BLVD
HAMMOND, LA 70403
(Take Exit #28 from I-55, Hamfest Hotel is at 2nd Traffic Light)

Time: 8:00 am til

Admission and parking. FREE

Hourly Door Prizes

Talk-in: SELARC Repeaters

147.000 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2

145.130 (-600) WB5NET PL 107.2

444.250 (+5) WB5NET PL 107.2

VE Test Session: (Orleans Room Testing begins at 8:00 am - Test Fee \$15 cash, photo ID, copy of license or CSCE)

TYRONE BURNS VE Liaisons,
n5xes@arrl.net

Forum Schedule: (Pontchartrain Room) TBA - See website.

Dealers & Vendors

Palmetto Antennas, The SignMan of Baton Rouge, MCM Computers, Tiny's Monograms, BamCom Communications, Landry's Guns, Be Ready Solar, LA Radio, AB5Z Tom Kelly

***** Main Prize Drawings *****

Grand Prize: Yaesu FT-857D All-mode Transceiver

Second Prize: MFJ-266C Antenna Analyzer

Third Prize: Astron RS-35M Power Supply w/Meters

Fourth Prize: Baofeng UV-5R Dual Band Handheld

Contact Table Manager David Muller W5NPV w5npv@arrl.net or Any SELARC Officer!!!

Website:

<http://www.selarc.org>

NOVEMBER AARA CLUB MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2015

The AARA general meeting was called to order by President Mark Saltzman, W5GTI. Mark led the Pledge of Allegiance and Herman Campbell, KN5GRK, led the prayer. Sandy Leblanc, KE5KJF, said the Pledge in French. Introductions were made of those in attendance.

Mr. Larry Leblanc, KE5KJD, gave a presentation on EMI testing that was performed at the Red Cross Building in association with the 5000 watt broadcast transmitter located in the next lot. During the test, it was determined that a filter will be required to reject the signals from the broadcast radio transmitter. Bob Cooley, K5IVR made a motion to purchase the filter. Phoebe Gaudet, KC5VRN seconded. Motion was passed.

Al Pringle, KE5UPM, donated a computer monitor to the Club.

Old Business:

The 440 repeater is now up and operational. The club now owns this repeater. The repeater is identical to the 820 machine, so these repeaters can be used in both locations if needed.

AMOS has been sold. The title has been signed over and the money is in the bank. Jess Gillion, KF5LUL donated lot space at his business to place AMOS and it was sold very quickly. A battery had to be purchased and the selling price was \$1400.00.

Tour Du Teche: During the race, HF special event ran in conjunction with race. There were several operators: Tom W5OHJ Dave N4ELM, Mark W5GTI, Paul N5KNY, Abbi KF5BEW, Kendra KF5FYS, Galen KF5BET, Larry KE5KJD all made total of 214 contacts during the event. Friday and Saturday were the operating times. Next year will be even better!

The new logo has been uploaded to the website and is now ready to be utilized. Mark asked for permission to order stickers with the logo and the club information for use by the club. Permission was granted. Mark will shop around to see what can be ordered. The new QSL card has been published and given to Roland for sending out to those requesting one.

Children's Museum and Science Museum: The station had been removed from the children's museum and is now located at the science museum. Several club members were involved in moving the station including Glen KF5FNP, Paul N5KNY, Tom W5OHJ, Chuck KE5ZZM, Chris KD5QYV, Mike N5DAL. The club still wants to maintain a relationship with the museum and would like to offer Paul any assistance that we can.

Paul asked for volunteers to operate the station, teach classes, and provide general Elmering to visitors. Paul stated that a Technician class will be offered during the first part of December.

The new certificate of appreciation will be presented in January after Mark and Herman go through a process of designing one. The certificate will be used to show recognition to those in the ham community who have helped the hobby. Members will be able to nominate anyone who they feel should be recognized.

New Member Packets: Ramona KG5HNO, has offered to compile ideas for the packet. These packets will be given to those new members showing what the club can offer as well as other information that can help newly licensed hams get more involved in the hobby.

New Business:

The Christmas Banquet: Will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2015 at 6 pm in lieu of the regular monthly meeting. The banquet will be held at the Golden Corral and the club will reserve the banquet room. The banquet will be "Dutch Treat" and all are encouraged to attend.

New Officer Selection Committee: This committee will be comprised of two board members and two members from the general membership. The board members will be Ric KF5KEL and Archie W5AG. Paul Scallan K5VSH and Bob Cooley K5IVR, volunteered to be on the committee.

Exploratory Committee for AMOS replacement: Since AMOS has been sold there is no portable operating environment for the club. A committee to explore various options for portable communications has been formed with members being Glen KF5FNP, Derek WM5TS (if he accepts), Tom W5OHJ. The vehicle would be used for Field Day, special events, and also in the event of emergency use. The thought on the vehicle is in the direction of a trailer that can be towed by a members vehicle which would include operating stations, equipment storage, etc. The committee will bring its recommendations to the club by the February meeting if not sooner.

Archie, W5AG, presented to the club a proposal of accepting a donation to the club of a 100' SSV tower that is self supporting. The donating company is out of Alexandria area and is willing to donate the tower and use of a crane to take down the tower. The value of this tower is over 5K in its used condition. The Tower will be stored because of the pending sale of the Red Cross building and would be erected at a location to be determined.

The board has agreed to accept the tower and has requested approval of \$500.00 to pay for any expenses related to dismantling and transporting the tower to storage. Jim Bookter, N5NVP made a motion to accept the donation and expenses to move tower. Mike N5DAL seconded. Motion was approved. Paul offered to store the tower at his warehouse.

The meeting was adjourned on motion by Tom Dischler, W5OHJ, and seconded by Ric Wallace, KF5KEL. Motion was approved.

There were 24 members present with 2 visitors.

Submitted by:

Abbi Wilson, KF5BEW
AARA Secretary

VE Test Session

November 5, 2015

Candidates:

Randy Rushing of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana received his Technician License and call KG5KFI.

Bobby Blanchard of Lafayette, Louisiana received his Technician License and call KG5KFK.

Scott Campbell of Lafayette, Louisiana received his Technician License and call KG5KFJ.

3 in 3 out with smiling faces.

VE's:

Greg K5LFT, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Ric Wallace KF5KEL & Steve Mahler KF5VH.

73, de GREG ~K5LFT



NOVEMBER AARA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2015

The board meeting was held at the Red Cross Building at 6 pm prior to the general monthly meeting for November.

The following Items were discussed during the meeting:

1. Radio Room at the Science Museum. The radio located at the Children's Museum is not property of the club and will remain with the museum. All club equipment will be returned to the club. Paul McCasland N5KNY, is now operating a station at the Science Museum which will take the place of the station at the Children's Museum. Glen asked Paul how the club can help and support the new radio station at the Science Museum. Paul stated there are up to 30,000 children a year that pass through the museum with up to 400 a day at times. Paul mentioned that anyone who passes the Technician class will receive operating privileges at the museum for 6 months or 1 year. Volunteers would be needed to man the station as people come through. There is discussion of teaching a licensing class at the museum and Paul mentioned that licensing books could be made available through the gift shop inside the museum. The board was in agreement to support the museum in getting the stations setup as well as manning the station. Mark asked about the call sign for the Children's Museum, K5CMA, and it was decided to keep the call sign in lieu of letting it expire. The call sign W5LSM

is available if the Science Museum is interested in obtaining a vanity call. Paul is in process of obtaining a vanity call at this time.

2. Amos II exploratory committee. Mark would like to form a committee to research the idea of a replacement for AMOS, whatever that may be. Mark asked Tom and Glen to be on the committee and they agreed. Mark stated he would like Amos replacement to be a mobile vehicle that is non motorized, climate controlled and would house club equipment and operating minimum of 2 positions.

3. New officer nominating committee. Ric and Archie will be the two board members. Members from the general membership will be elected at tonight's general meeting.

4. Archie, W5AG, stated there is possibility of having a 100' Rohn tower donated to the club. The donating company will provide a crane for removal and the club will have to provide transportation and unloading of crane at our location. Ric was in favor of accepting the donation provided it does not cost the club any money except for transportation and unloading. The board will present the donation to the general membership for acceptance. The board did express the concern of installing the tower at the Red Cross building since the building is now up for sale. Archie made a motion to accept the tower with a maximum club outlay would be set for \$500.00 maximum and Tom Seconded the motion. All approved.

5. Mark asked about yearly donation to the Salvation Army. Archie will get with Herman to make the donation for the year.

6. Hamfest Committee will need to be implemented in the near future. Glen stated January will be a good time to get going with the preparation.

7. Christmas Party will be on Thursday, December 3 at 6:00 pm at the Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery in lieu of the monthly meeting.

Tom made a motion to adjourn and Ric seconded. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned

If any board member has any additions or corrections to the above minutes, please respond to the secretary within 10 days or the minutes will stand as written.

Regards,

Abigail Wilson, KF5BEW
Secretary AARA

Attendees: Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Larry Leblanc KF5KJD, Archie Hill W5AG, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Herman Campbell KN5GRK, Glen Thibodeaux KN5FNP, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Ric Wallace KF5KEL and Paul McCasland N5KNY.



Ham radio course offered at Lafayette Science Museum

November 13, 2015

Lafayette Science Museum (LSM) with the support of Acadiana Amateur Radio Club will be offering an 8-week ham radio course every Tuesday starting December 1.

After the successful completion of the test, students will be awarded an FCC technical class license for ham radio operation. This course is free to join and lasts up to 8 weeks depending on the

progress of each student. Students confident enough can test at any time during the coursework. There is a FCC fee of \$15 at the time of testing.

Radio amateurs will discover a richly rewarding high-tech hobby that has many different appeals to different people. Whether it is the ability to talk to local friends over the radio waves using a hand-held transceiver (HT), communicating digitally with packet radio to exchange personal messages or vital information in an emergency, talking to other hams anywhere in the world, or engaging in contests with other Radio Amateurs over the airwaves there is something for everyone.

LSM is offering this course as a way to promote ham radio to the youth of South Louisiana.

This course is recommended for people ages 10 years and older. Lafayette Science Museum is located at 433 Jefferson Street, Lafayette, LA.

For more information visit:

www.lafayettesciencemuseum.org. or call 337-291-5544.



SKYWARN™ Recognition Day Saturday, December 5

The 17th annual SKYWARN™ Recognition Day (SRD) on-the-air event is set for Saturday, December 5, from 0000 UTC to 2400 UTC. Cosponsored by ARRL and the National Weather Service, SKYWARN™ Recognition Day pays tribute to Amateur Radio operators for the vital public service they perform. Registration is now open for stations planning to participate from a National Weather Service (NW) Forecast Office; a list of NWS participating offices is on the NWS SKYWARN™ Recognition Day web page. During the 24 hour

event, Amateur Radio operators set up at NWS offices contact other hams across the country. This event is also aimed at strengthening the bond between Amateur Radio operators and local NWS offices.

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day is not a contest. During SKYWARN™ Recognition Day amateur stations exchange contact information with as many National Weather Service-based stations as possible on SSB, FM, CW, RTTY, and AM on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus 70 centimeters. Repeater contacts are permitted.

Stations exchange call signs, signal reports, location, and a one or two-word description of the weather (eg, sunny, partly cloudy, windy, rainy). Procedures are detailed on the NOAA SRD web page.

The volunteer SKYWARN™ program comprises nearly 290,000 trained severe weather spotters -- many of them radio amateurs -- who identify severe storms and provide NWS forecasters with reports of local weather conditions during severe weather events.

To learn more, visit the SKYWARN™ Recognition Day website.

<http://www.wrth.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>

SKYWARN™ Recognition Day Operating Instructions

*1. Object: *For all amateur stations to exchange QSO information with as many National Weather Service Stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meter bands plus the 70 centimeter band. Contacts via repeaters are permitted. SKYWARN™ Recognition Day serves to celebrate the contributions to public safety made by amateur radio operators during threatening weather.

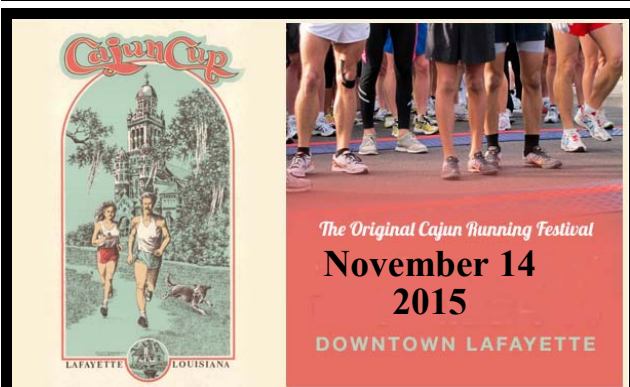
*2. Date: *NWS stations will operate December 5, 2015, from 0000 - 2400 UTC.

*3. Exchange: *Call sign, signal report, QTH, and a one or two word description of the weather occurring at your site ("sunny", "partly cloudy", "windy", etc.).

*4. Modes: *NWS stations will work various modes including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While working digital modes, special event stations will append "NWS" to their call sign (e.g., N0A/NWS).

*5. Station Control Operator: *It is suggested that during SRD operations a non-NWS volunteer should serve as a control operator for your station.

6. Event and QSL Information: *The National Weather Service will provide event information via the internet. Event certificates will once again be electronic and printable from the main website after the conclusion of SRD.



Cajun Cup 10K Run 2015 Results

Thanks to all the Amateur Radio operators who helped with providing communications during this event. It was a beautiful day, clear sky, crisp & cool - a perfect day for this kind of event.

No accidents reported, and ham radio spotters around the course performed like true pros. Larry KE5KJD & Sandy KE5KJF come on the scene prior to the race with donuts, hot coffee and hot chocolate along with maps of the course with spotter locations.

Jess came on the scene with the Cajun Cup "T" shirts for all volunteers which entitled the to free refreshments at Parc Sans Souci downtown Lafayette.

Top billing goes to Jess Gillion KF5LUL - Coordinator, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF - Assistant Coordinators, Larry KE5KJD LeBlanc - Assistant Coordinator, Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Ralph Gaudet WB5GAF, Phoebe Gaudet KC5VRN, Bob Cooley K5IVR, Art Mouton K5FNQ, Ramona Jobe KG5HNO, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Galen Wilson KF5BET and Herman Campbell KN5GRK.

See race results at:

<http://cajuncup.net/>



Jess KF5LUL
holding shirt

Winter Camp 2015 “Lost Bayou” Radio Merit Badge

by Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD



Archie Hill, W5AG and Larry LeBlanc, KE5KJD, provided support for the Radio Merit Badge at the “Lost Bayou” Boy Scout camp north of Ville Platte, Louisiana on Saturday November 21 through Tuesday November 24. Archie did the presentations and radio demonstrations and Larry put up antennas and radios for the scouts to make their required contacts. We ran a trap vertical over a chicken wire ground plane, a ZS6BKW dipole at about 20 feet, and a refurbished CushCraft 10 meter 3 element beam at about 15 feet. We also had an aluminum J-Pole at about 25 feet for VHF contact to the Alexandria repeater at 147.330 MHz. We had a laptop outfitted with HSDR to demonstrate the radio spectrum and waterfall displays. This was done

using a RTL “dongle” running on the first IF of a FT990 using the free program HSDR. We did have some difficulty because the OS had been upgraded to Windows 10 (Microsoft) and did not support one of the drivers. We did get the spectrum display going but did not have software control of the radio frequency on the radio.

This year we did not have a power outage like last year, so we did not need to operate on emergency battery power.

The Scout Camp has continued to improve, with added signs and play areas for the scouts. The food as usual was good with a special treat of chicken and sausage gumbo, which did not need added pepper sauce.

The bands were open most of the time with a few signals on 10 meters. Archie was able to contact Brazil and Canada as well as other hams. Larry had 6 or 7 contacts to set up for the Scouts to talk on the radio. The equipment functioned well throughout the event. This year, we were able to get the ZS6BKW up on a tree branch at about 30 feet, which provided us with the capability of using 4 bands. A great advantage of the camp site is the low noise on most bands. On the 40 meter band, we could copy signals below 3 S-units.

The Scouts were able to talk to a couple of very helpful hams, especially W5OHJ who handled all the scouts in the morning class. Thank you Tom for serving the scouts. Many thanks go to the hams willing to help young people appreciate the hobby. Also a thanks to the hams that support the Alexandria repeater, which we did use for coordination with Tom in Eunice. I was able to contact Scott Wren, KD5DFL to convey our thanks to the group. A total of about 18 scouts got their badge.

The story here would not be complete if we did not mention that the food was great and the kitchen support at the camp was awesome with both adults and scouts serving meals. We did have a special treat of chicken and sausage gumbo, which did not need added pepper sauce!

I was impressed with the wide range of activities for the scouts and the participation of volunteers to teach the scouts. Where else can you get trained on shotguns and rifles by an expert marksman, first aid by a qualified doctor, photography by a professional photographer, and robotics by an engineer well versed in the industry. I did meet the lady named Juliet who is a professional social worker from New Iberia who taught the Family Life merit badge and another badge. The scouts in general exemplified what is good and possible when leaders are there to guide them in their search for excellence. If only all our elected leaders and representatives showed equal resolve. One scout leader made the comment that a \$150 investment in the Scouting program can save thousands of dollars in Juvenile Detention costs.

Here is the Scout Oath.....

“On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”



Scout Radio Manual



Archie W5AG setting up 10 m beam

Archie introducing scout to radio

Morning Devotional Service

NOVEMBER 2015 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
AARA Monday Night Net	4	61	Ø	135	W5GTI Mark
Friday on the 443 Net	1	12		41	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	52	Ø	91	KN5GRK Herman
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	4	33		83	KG5HNO Ramona
Youth Thursday Night Net	3	41	Ø	89	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened."

Dr Seuss

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI, the net control station, for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. Here is the December 2015 schedule:

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
DECEMBER 7	7:00 PM	145.370 KF5VH	103.5
DECEMBER 14	7:00 PM	147.040 W5EXI	103.5
DECEMBER 21	7:00 PM	146.820 W5DDL	103.5
DECEMBER 28	7:00 PM	145.410 W5DDL/R	NONE

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area in Lafayette Parish as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The December 2015 schedule can be viewed, downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/files/calendar.pdf>

Notice: Mark W5GTI announced again that he would continue the AARA Monday Night Net contest for 2015.

The top 10 check-ins on the Monday Night AAARA Net during 2015 will get their call/name entered into a drawing and a winner from the top 10 check-ins will receive a Chinese import dual band handi-talkie paid for by Mark W5GTI. **HOW ABOUT THAT?** So be sure to check into the net and thanks to Mark in keeping the net active.

AARA



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

12/03	BENJAMIN	KF5ZSR
12/07	ROLAND	NA5Q
12/11	PAT	ND5C
12/21	JIMMIE	N8OVD
12/22	GERARD	KD5VPC
12/29	RANDY	N5MLJ
12/29	DAVID	KC5DPL
1/1	NICK	K5QXJ
1/3	BARBARA	N5AUO
1/5	PAUL	N5KNY
1/6	ARCHIE	W5AG

This birthday list is taken from the W5DDL website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/memberlist.htm>

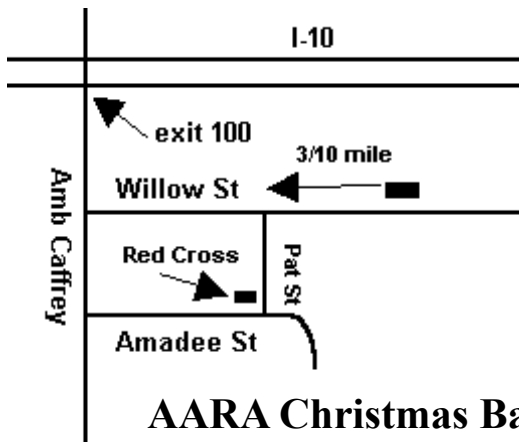
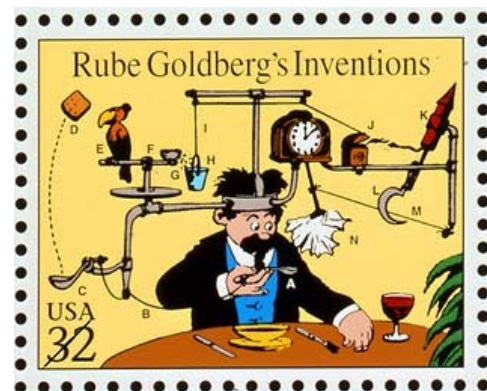
ARRL Membership
Dues
Increase

ARRL membership dues will increase from \$39.00 per year to \$49.00 per year beginning January 1, 2016.

Pay your dues before January 1, 2016 and save \$10.00.

Acadiana Amateur Radio Assoc., Inc.
P. O. Box 51174
Lafayette, LA 70505-1174

Website: <http://www.w5ddl.org>



AARA Christmas Banquet Meeting

December 3, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

NO VE TESTING

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Sweet Potato Pie I

<http://allrecipes.com/>

Ingredients:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Pound sweet potatoes | 1/2 Teaspoon ground nutmeg |
| 1/2 Cup butter - softened | 1/2 Teaspoon cinnamon |
| 1 Cup white sugar | 1 Teaspoon vanilla extract |
| 1/2 Cup milk | 1 9 inch unbaked pie crust |
| 2 Eggs | |

Instructions:

Boil sweet potato whole in skin for 40 to 50 minutes, or until done. Run cold water over the sweet potato, and remove the skin.

Break apart sweet potato in a bowl. Add butter, and mix well with mixer. Stir in sugar, milk, eggs, nutmeg, cinnamon and vanilla. Beat on medium speed until mixture is smooth. Pour filling into an unbaked pie crust.

Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 55 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Pie will puff up like a souffle, and then will sink down as it cools.



FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245